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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A
AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Applicants hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment A and Response to Restriction/Election Requirement, responsive to the Office Action—Date Mailed: September 3, 2004, Paper No. 2, for which a response is due October 3, 2004 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire one [1] month from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Claims 1-65 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-65 are subject to restriction and/or election.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 19, 22, 23, 32, 51 and 58-65 have been amended to correct typographical errors; responsive to Examiner's comment regarding claim numbering.

By this Response to Restriction/Election requirement, Applicants elect with traverse Species VIII which corresponds to Figure 14. The claims that read on this embodiment are Claims 1-65. Applicants' further elections are detailed in the Remarks section of this Response.

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Applicants respectfully submit that any and all restrictions, objections and rejections are hereby traversed and overcome, and the application is in proper form for allowance. A Notice of Allowance or Allowability is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are due. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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